

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26 and ending at page 2, line 11, as follows.

--During this operation, it is required necessary to heat the sheet for fixing the toner image on the first surface. If the sheet is sent to the image forming portion again and image formation on the second surface of the sheet is performed ~~under the condition where~~ while the sheet is still heated, ~~there is a fear~~ it is possible that a defective image may be formed on the second surface due to ~~an~~ the influence of the heat of the sheet. In view of this problem, there is adopted a system in which, after the image formation on the first surface, the sheet having the image formed on the first surface is cooled using a fan or the like on the downstream side of the fixing means or in the re-transport path.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12 and ending at line 19, as follows.

--However, a control substrate for controlling the image forming portion and a sheet transport portion is also arranged inside the image forming apparatus, and consequently, air heated as a result of the cooling operation ~~for cooling the sheet after the fixation~~, strikes the control substrate and increases the temperatures of elements on the control substrate, which may cause a control failure.--